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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A computerized method of teaching spoken language skills comprising:

(a) Receiving multiple user utterances into a computer system, the user utterances comprising recorded spoken responses to application prompts of a display of the computer system;

(b) Receiving criteria for pronunciation errors;

(e~~b~~) Analyzing the user utterances to detect pronunciation errors according to basic sound units and Pronunciation error criteria received in the computer system prior to receiving the multiple user utterances;

(d~~c~~) Providing feedback to the user in accordance with the analysis.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, ~~wherein analyzing includes~~further comprising the computer system performing garbage analysis of one of the user utterances that determines if the user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein analyzing includes identification of pronunciation error.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ different pronunciation error analysis criteria ~~determines if~~ are used in accordance with whether the computer system ~~operates~~ is operating in communication mode or pronunciation mode.

5.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein pronunciation error analysis criteria indicates the errors that are reported to the user.

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6. (Currently Amended) A computerized system for teaching spoken language skills to a user, the system comprising a computer processor that produces application prompts for an audio playback interface, receives multiple user utterances by the user from an audio input device comprising recorded spoken responses to the application prompts, receives criteria for pronunciation errors, analyzes the user utterances to detect pronunciation errors according to basic sound units and pronunciation error criteria received in the system prior to receiving the multiple user utterances, and provides feedback to the user on a visual display that shows application screens produced by the computer processor in accordance with the analysis.

7. (Currently Amended) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the computer processor further performs a garbage analysis of one of the user utterances that determines if the user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

8. (Original) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the computer processor further performs identification of pronunciation error.

9. (Original) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein the different pronunciation error analysis criteria determines if are used in accordance with whether the computer processor operates is operating in communication mode or pronunciation mode.

10. (Original) The computerized system of claim 6, wherein pronunciation error analysis criteria indicates the errors that are reported to the user.

11. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the computer system interferes with the user recording of the utterances if a user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

12. (New) The method of claim 4, wherein the pronunciation error analysis criteria is less restrictive in the communication mode than in the pronunciation mode.

13.   (New) The system of claim 6, wherein the computerized system interferes with the user recording of the utterances if a user utterance is a grossly different utterance than the desired utterance.

14.   (New) The system of claim 9, wherein the pronunciation error analysis criteria is less restrictive in the communication mode than in the pronunciation mode